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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (SCHLESINGER, JAMES R), UK, US, MARR

SUBJ: SECRETARY SCHLESINGER VISIT TO UK

1. JOHN MAYNE, PRIVATE SECRETARY TO MASON AND PROTOCOL OFFICE, MOD, CALLED EMBOFF TO CONVEY AND UNDERSCORE FOLLOWING POINTS: (A) RE THE 1400 BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH MASON ON 24 SEPTEMBER, MASON WANTS TO TALK WITH SEC DEF ALONE, REPEAT ALONE; (B) RE THE 1500 PLENARY DISCUSSION SESSION, THE NUMBERS OF ATTENDEES IS LIMITED, REPEAT LIMITED, TO SIX ON EACH SIDE. MAYNE STRESSED THAT MASON DOES NOT WANT MORE THAN 6 PEOPLE ON EACH SIDE FOR THE PLENARY SESSION DISCUSSIONS SINCE A LARGER GROUP "WOULD INHIBIT FRANK DISCUSSIONS". WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PROVIDE NAMES OF PROPOSED US ATTENDEES ASAP, AND TO INCLUDE WITHIN OUR SIX SPACES EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE.

2. DRESS BLACK TIES NOT REQUIRED. UNIFORMS SIMILARLY NOT ESSENTIAL, BUT BRITISH MADE OBSERVATION THAT SERVICE PERSONNEL MAY WISH TO WEAR UNIFORMS WHEN VISITING MILITARY

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POSTS (E.G. SEPT. 25) OR AT HORSE GUARDS PARADE ARRIVAL

(SEPTEMBER 24).

3. AMBASSADOR REGRETS PRIOR SCHEDULE PRECLUDES HIS HOST-
ING PERSONALLY THURSDAY 25 SEPT. 2000 HOURS DINNER FOR
SECDEF AND BRITISH GUESTS. ORIGINALLY, EVENING OF 26
SEPTEMBER ENVISAGED HERE FOR SECDEF DINNER WITH THE
AMBASSADOR AND MRS. RICHARDSON, BUT COPENHAGEN SCHEDULE
WITH LATE RETURN AT 1940 HOURS APPEARS TO PRECLUDE THAT
EVENING. NEVERTHELESS, AMBASSADOR AND MRS. RICHARDSON
WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO HAVE SECDEF FOR ALL OR PART OF
DINNER SCHEDULED AT 1945 FOR 2000 ON 26 SEPTEMBER AT THE
RESIDENCE. (FYI: FOUR OF FRANCE'S TOP CHEFS WITH THE
ASSISTANCE OF DANNY KAYE WILL BE PREPARING A MEAL TO THE

HIGHEST GOURMET STANDARDS. END FYI). AMBASSADOR ALSO
REGRETS PRIOR SCHEDULE PREVENTS HIS GREETING SECDEF, BUT
MINISTER SPIERS LOOKS FORWARD TO JOINING ARRIVAL GREETING
PARTY.

4. CONCERNING SEPT. 25 FIELD TRIP, MOD IS STILL UNABLE
TO NAME SENIOR UK PARTICIPANTS. THEY WANT A MINISTER TO
ACCOMPANY SECDEF BUT RODGERS AT PRESENT IS SCHEDULED TO
BE IN HIS CONSTITUENCY WITH PRIME MINISTER ON THAT DAY.

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